Mr. M. L. Joseph (*Latin Christians-Cranganur*): May I know Sir, what was the particular necessity that promoted the raising of the grant to Rs. 5,000?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*): The needs of the Association have increased as the strength is increased. Therefore the Camp grants themselves have to be increased. We are now organising more rallies and camps and therefore the expenditure on scouting has generally increased.

Mr. M. L. Joseph (*Latin Christians-Cranganur*): Have the Government looked into as to how this Rs. 5,000 is spent?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*): The accounts are audited.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon (*Cranganur*): By whom?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*): By the Comptroller of Finance and Accounts.

Mr. M. L. Joseph (*Latin Christians-Cranganur*): Is not our grant enormous considering the grants that are given in Travancore, etc.?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*): I may say that the Government of Cochin are making a very liberal grant to an organisation of this kind which has got a very great educative value.

Mr. V. N. Damodaran Nambiar (*Trippunittura*): What was the grant before it was raised to Rs. 5,000?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*): It was Rs. 3,000 some years ago.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan (*Chalakkudi*): Cannot these officers collect public subscriptions rather than depend on this Government grant?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*): It is for the public to realise that. Government think that even in the absence of public support, they have to give some financial assistance to this movement which has got an extra-curricular and educative value.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan (*Chalakkudi*): If it does not get sufficient public support, is it not because of the fault of these officers?

Mr. President: It is a matter of opinion.

MEMBERSHIP—COCHIN SCOUTS COUNCIL—QUALIFICATIONS FOR.

353. Mr. M. L. Joseph (*Latin Christians-Cranganur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:—

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(*a*) whether any special qualifications are needed for becoming a member of the Cochin Scouts Council;

(*b*) the number of applications received for membership of the Cochin Scouts Council;

(*c*) how many such applications were replied to;

(*d*) how many new admissions were made?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*): (*a*) The applicant should primarily satisfy the Executive Committee that his character is above reproach and his antecedents respectable. He should also possess a good general education and should subscribe to the aims and ideals of the Scout Movement.

(*b*) 11 in 1114.

(*c*) All.

(*d*) 8 till now.

SCOUTS IN COCHIN STATE—PARTICULARS REGARDING.

354. Mr. M. L. Joseph (*Latin Christians-Cranganur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:—(*a*) how many scouts are there in Cochin State; how many of them are (*i*) King's Scouts (*ii*) First Class Scouts;

(*b*) when was the movement originally started in Cochin?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*):

(*a*)

Cubs	480
Scouts	1302
Rovers	147
Scouters	156
Total	2085
King's Scout	1
First Class Scouts	20

(*b*) Formally inaugurated on the 15th March 1923.

SEA SCOUT TRAINING—SCOUT ORGANISING SECRETARY.

355. Mr. M. L. Joseph (*Latin Christians-Cranganur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:—(*a*) whether the Government was informed of the Scout Organising Secretary's trip to Calcutta with a view to undergo sea scout training;

(*b*) whether he was selected by the Executive Committee in a regular meeting;

(*c*) what was the actual expenses incurred in connection with that tour;

(*d*) was the expenses sanctioned by the Executive Committee?

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